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SUBJECT: U.S. PRISONERS - HIGH LEVEL MEETING OF BOLIVIAN
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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1. MEETING REPORTED REFTELS FINALLY HELD AFTERNOON SEPT 21. PRESIDENT BANZER DID NOT ATTEND. MEETING CHAIRED BY MINISTER INTERIOR PEREDA AND INCLUDED PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR CESPEDES, SUB-SECRETARY BALLIVIAN, DNSP CHIEF COL. APARICIO AND LA PAZ FHIEF FISCAL SIMBRON.

2. CESPEDES, WHO IS CARRYING BALL FOR PRESIDENCY, VISITED CHARGE AFTERNOON SEPT 21 AND SAID CABLE BEING SENT SAME DAY FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY TO BOLIVIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON CONTAINING INFORMATION ON DISPOSITION OF PRISONER CASES CITED IN LIST WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER SAID WOULD BE PROVIDED TO PRESIDENT BANZER. CESPEDES WOULD NOT DISCLOSE SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGE; HE SAID GOB WISHED AMBASSADOR CRESPO TO INFORM STATE DEPT. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT US SHOULD BE PLEASED AT STEPS TO BE TAKEN WITH REGARD PRISONERS, AND THAT HE WOULD INFORM EMBASSY FULLY ON SEPT 22.

3. EMBASSY HOPES MESSAGE WILL INDEED BE CONSTRUCTIVE. WE ARE PERTURBED HOWEVER, (A) THAT BANZER HIMSELF DID NOT CHAIR MEETING AND (B) OVER PARTIAL INFORMATION WE HAVE FROM LEGAL ADVISORS AND BAL-
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THAT LEGAL ASPECTS OF HOW GOB WILL TAKE PROPOSED STEPS HAVE NOT BEEN WELL THOUGHT THROUGH. WE WILL REPORT FULLY SOON AS WE ARE GIVEN DETAILS, BUT ASSUME DEPT MAY OBTAIN INFORMATION BEFORE WE DO FROM BOLIVIAN EMBASSY.
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